# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:276
ANSWERED ON:15.03.2013
SKILL DEVELOPMENT OF ADOLESCENT GIRLS
Das Shri Bhakta Charan

**Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government provides skill development programme to adolescent girls under the Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for Empowerment of Adolescent Girls − Sabla;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the non-nutrition component under Sabla has not been implemented in most of the States/UTs in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the details of States/UTs which have not initiated the said programme and the corrective measures taken or proposed by the Government in this regard?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 276 FOR 15.03.2013 ON BY SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS.

(a) & (b): The Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for Empowerment of Adolescent Girls - Sabla has two major components Nutrition and Non Nutrition. In the Non Nutrition Component, the out of school Adolescent Girls (AGs) 11-18 years are provided IFA supplementation, Health check-up and Referral services, Nutrition & Health Education, Counselling/ Guidance on family welfare, Adolescent Reproductive Sexual Health (ARSH), child care practices, life skill education, accessing public services and 16-18 year old AGs are also given vocational training.

The vocational training for skill development of girls above 16 years age is provided under various modules of National Skill Development Program (NSDP) of Ministry of Labour and Employment by various Vocational Training Providers (VTPs). As reported by the States/UTs 1.51 lakh and 2.01 lakh (as on 31.12.2012) beneficiaries have been imparted vocational training in 2011-12 and 2012-13 respectively.

(c) & (d): The scheme was launched in November 2010 and funds were released in the fourth quarter of 2010-11. Hence, no substantial progress was reported by the States in 2010-11. The year 2011-12 was the first full year of implementation of the scheme and progress under non-nutrition component was slow as lot of preparatory work was to be done. The non-nutrition component has stabilised in most of the states in 2012-13. In some of the states, the progress is slow, as the implementation of non-nutrition component involves convergence with various departments at the state government level. Year wise State-wise funds released/utilised and beneficiaries covered for non nutrition component under Sabla are at Annexure-1 & 2.

(e): As per the scheme guidelines the States/UTs have to submit Physical and Financial progress report in each quarter and send annual progress reports. Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Lakshadweep have not reported any progress under non nutrition component since inception of the scheme. The performance of the scheme is reviewed by the Ministry with all the States/UTs. The Ministry has also written to the Administrators of these UTs to review the matter at their level and expedite the implementation of the scheme.